



BILL HORN's Bulletin

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CHAIRMAN BILL HORN TAKES THE LEAD ON GENERAL PLAN 2020

"Listening to all parties concerned makes for a fair and equal process."

After reviewing the partially completed Alternative 3 for General Plan 2020 and discovering that, among other things, it called for only one house per 160 acres, Supervisor Horn put a halt to the process. Then, as newly elected Chairman of the Board, Horn convened a General Plan 2020 all-day Workshop January 10, 2001.

"I am extremely pleased with the unanimous support of the Board to join me in directing County Staff to come up with three new alternatives for General Plan 2020 in order to address the expressed concerns of the 78 individual speakers and numerous committee reports brought forth at our Workshop," stated Chairman Horn.

"With the full knowledge that the current working draft was favored by very few, including myself, my staff has been working diligently to focus attention on encouraging development along our transportation corridors while at the same time respecting private property rights and conserving our precious natural resources," Horn continued.

"Alleviating pressure on the back country, the Board gave appropriate direction to

Planning Staff to place more of the population along existing and future transportation corridors and near existing and future infrastructure and town centers.

In this way we can take advantage of mass transportation potential and funding. I am also concerned that we provide for affordable housing areas for people near their workplaces in this Plan."

"This is the way I like to do business," Horn commented. "Listening to all parties concerned makes for a fair and equal process all the way around. Thanks to all who participated and to all who will continue as we forge ahead to completion of General Plan 2020."

Partial List of Proposals advanced by Chairman Horn at the Workshop:

- Involve landowner and affected industries throughout the process.
- Form an Interest Committee of voting members from Building, Technical and Environmental Groups.

Please contact my office for more information: 1.800.852.7335



Supervisor BILL HORN
Chairman of the Board—2001

"I look forward to the challenges ahead and to the charge of leadership as Chair for 2001. I am confident in the task and grateful for the team we have."

Horn Keeps Cool Head While Electricity Crisis Heats Up

"We have gone from a regulated monopoly to an unregulated monopoly." — Chairman Horn

San Diego County ranks as the 37th largest global economy, generating almost \$100 million in goods and services annually. And now, our people are in trouble, our businesses are in trouble, our economy is in trouble if we don't act soon. This is simply unacceptable. The County of San Diego is taking matters into our own hands. That is why last September I called upon the County Board of Supervisors to direct the CAO and County Counsel to:

- Explore the use of alternate providers to supply the County's electricity needs and look at options to purchase electricity cooperatively with other agencies and large purchasers.
- Hire necessary expertise to review and recommend actions ...regarding the feasibility of San Diego County facilitating creation of a Municipal Utility District in order to purchase and sell State, Federal, and private energy much like L.A.'s Department of Water and Power.

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BILL HORN - Chairman of the Board 2001

Looking Back—Looking Forward

Thanking Chairwoman Jacob for her past year of leadership, Supervisor Horn stated, "Our team has worked hard this past year and seen many successes, but this is no time to rest on our laurels. As the new Chairman of the Board, I am rolling up my sleeves to address urgent and ongoing issues for our citizens.

"I will continue to press for legislative remedies for the electrical crisis we are in, including finding incentive-based plans to assist homeowners and others to install alternative sources of energy. Our key will be to move toward self-sufficiency in order to protect San Diegans from the greed of profiteers."

Chairman Horn further states, "Among my many and various committee assignments will be the Transportation Subcommittee of SANDAG where I will address our traffic issues. Transportation planning should be part and parcel with land-use decisions (which are in the purview of the Board of Supervisors.) There are some very real solutions we need to look at and implement."

Regarding General Plan 2020, Horn comments, "We have tough decisions to make in order to protect private property owners while checking urban sprawl, and at the same time being mindful of our precious environmental resources. Affordable housing must also be addressed. San Diegans must have access to housing within reasonable distance from their workplaces. This will also greatly reduce traffic on our already heavily-burdened roads."

"The new year promises many challenges which we will use as opportunities to exercise the sound business perspective that has served us so well. I am confident in the task assigned to me as Chairman and grateful for the spirit of co-operation we have to advance our County on every front," Chairman Horn concludes.

NOTE: For Text of Chairman Horn's State of the County address on February 8, please visit our website: www.co.san-diego.ca.us/cnty/bos/sup5 or contact our office to have a copy mailed or faxed to you.

*March 21 Conference
to explore economic
impact and future
opportunities for
BioTech Industries in
San Diego County*

Preserving San Diego's Ranking as BioTech Hot Spot a Top Priority for Chairman Horn

On March 21, Chairman Horn will conduct a Biotechnology Conference to support San Diego's local biotech industry.

The conference will explore the positive economic impact of the biotechnology industry for our region highlighting the latest discoveries in lifesaving drugs and future opportunities for biotech in San Diego County.

"I am looking forward to hosting this event where we will also ask biotech companies to address issues necessary to secure San Diego's ranking as a leader in biotech-

nology. These issues may include housing, availability of a trained workforce and other agriculture/biotech related issues which can elevate the region's ranking as a hot spot for high-tech growth opportunities," stated Chairman Horn.

The San Diego Biotechnology Conference will convene Wednesday, March 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, in Room 310. For additional information or to reserve a seat, call 619.531.5555.

Chairman Horn Welcomes New HHSA Director

The announcement of the new San Diego County Health and Human Services Director, Rodger G. Lum, PhD, ends a nationwide search to fill this key position—overseeing an agency with an annual budget of \$1.2 billion and a workforce of nearly 6,000 employees.

Providing San Diegans a wide range of health and social services, the County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) includes programs to increase health care for those without insurance, immunizations, mental health programs for children and adults, welfare-to-work, programs for older adults, alcohol and drug dependency treatment, epidemiology, adoption and foster youth programs.

Coming to the County from Oakland where he served as

director of the Alameda County Social Services Agency and previously assistant director for their Health Care Services Agency, Dr. Lum's credentials also include serving as Executive Director of Asian Community Mental Health Services in Oakland, consulting for the U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Mental Health and Oakland Catholic Charities.

"As Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Lum to our team. His appointment is timely with many important projects on line for completion including the opening of our new educational campus for foster youth - the San Pasqual Academy."



A Call to End San Diego's Judicial Emergency

On October 30, 2000 the Chief Judge of the Federal Court for the Southern District of California declared a judicial emergency in the district....

San Diego is ranked as the sixth largest city in the United States but it has not been given a comparable number of authorized judgeships. The district ranks as one of the busiest courts in the nation having seen the number of cases it handles more than double between 1994 and 1999 and yet has not seen an increase in the number of district judges in ten years.

Chairman Horn has directed a letter be sent under his signature to the President, Congressional leadership, and members of San Diego's Congressional delegation requesting the addition of eight judgeships, five permanent and three temporary, to improve the administration of justice in the Southern District of California.

According to the Judicial Caseload Profile

Report, a district judge in San Diego handles annually 1029 cases as opposed to a district judge in New York or Los Angeles who handles, respectively, 468 and 481 cases annually. The Judicial Conference of the United States has recommended the addition of eight judgeships. While representing the highest number of additional judgeships recommended for any court in the nation, it is only equivalent to the authorized judgeships for other comparably large metropolitan areas of the United States.

Chairman Horn states, "Our judges are under an incredibly heavy caseload. I call on the 107th Congress to take action to preserve justice and due process of law for all by authorizing the eight new judgeships as recommended by the Judicial Conference."

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DUI Mobile Command Trailer Dedicated Horn Follows through on Commitment to DUI Enforcement

A long-time supporter of DUI enforcement efforts in North County, Supervisor Horn followed through on his commitment and dedicated a fully equipped DUI Mobile Command Trailer.

Joined by members of the North County Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Council, CHP Border Division Assistant Chief, Gary Dominguez, San Diego Sheriff's Commander Alan Fulmer, Carlsbad Police Chief Jim Hawks and MADD National President Millie Webb, Supervisor Horn commented, "When my recommendation to purchase this Mobile Command Trailer was unanimously approved by the Board in June of 2000 we couldn't have imagined that we would be having the sad occasion of dedicating this Trailer to the memory of CHP Officer Sean Nava, himself a victim of a drunk driver. It is my hope our efforts will help prevent similar tragedies."



Solving Transportation Problems Requires "Stop" and "Go" Measures

"Thank you for voting to remove the stop sign at the intersection of Del Dios Highway and El Camino Del Norte in Rancho Santa Fe... What had become a routine one-hour commute from my home in Escondido to my job in Rancho Santa Fe has once again returned to the 35-minute drive I had before the signs were installed... The number of issues you have to deal with must be overwhelming...a stop sign in a rural area must seem insignificant to some but on behalf of about 20,000 of my fellow [commuters] THANK YOU! Your decision made a major difference in our lives." J. Van Zante—



Supervisor Horn presented the keys to a new wheelchair-equipped van to Irene Flores and the Fallbrook Senior Citizens Service Club in December. The van will be used to facilitate transportation for

Seniors attending the nutrition program at the Center as well as provide transportation to the Center for other activities they have had to forego in the past for lack of access to the Center.

"Our Seniors have given so much to us, I am happy to find useful ways to return the favor."



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- Investigate legal remedies against the Federal government and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for unfair, unjust and unreasonable energy practices in San Diego County.
- Work with our 18 cities to determine possible site locations for power plants in the San Diego region.

We are well on our way to accomplishing these directives. The County has contracted with a consultant regarding municipalization. The Municipal Utility District would be a separate entity from the County with the County being only one member among many who could take advantage of low cost federal hydro-electric power and other energy sources. I am working to build a bi-partisan coalition to amend legislation in order to streamline the process to form this Municipal Utility District and make it case-specific for the needs of San Diego County.

We have also been working with FERC to demand that they order a refund of the enormous amounts they have agreed have been gouged by the generators. Energy providers have produced record profits recently, all on the backs of San Diego ratepayers. I simply will not allow this to continue.

San Diego is working to become a region of responsible conservation and conscientious energy planning. The County will work with the San Diego Regional Energy Office to help promote new means of energy awareness, alternative sources of energy for self-reliance and energy-sharing with a view to help San Diego become more efficient on how we use resources and be a role model for other counties, regions and states. Together we can do it!

Chairman Bill Horn

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